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SUBJECT:GAO REVIEW: US PARTICIPATION IN SELECTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' ACTIVITIES

1. THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT, AT REQUEST OF SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, THE GAO WILL PERFORM A SERIES OF REVIEWS, AND WILL ISSUE REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE, CONCERNING: (1) U.S. ACTIONS AND PLANS TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WHO, ILO, AND FAO; (2) PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASING THE LEVEL OF U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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EMPLOYMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WITH PRIMARY

FOCUS ON UN SECRETARIAT, UNDP, FAO, ILO, ITU, UNESCO, WHO; AND (3) THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PRIOR GAO REPORTS INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SCOPE OF AUDIT REVIEW ALSO CALLS FOR GAO TO MAKE SOME OBSERVATIONS ON UN PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN SEVERAL AID RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. AUDIT TIMEFRAME IS AUGUST 1976-JANUARY 1977, AND WILL INVOLVE WORK AT WASHINGTON AGENCIES (STATE, AID, AGRICULTURE, LABOR, HEW), AND AT OUR U.S. MISSIONS IN NEW YORK, GENEVA, PARIS, AND ROME.

2. GAO AUDIT WORK PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON, WITH PERIODIC VISITS TO NEW YORK BEING PLANNED ON AN AS-REQUIRED BASIS DURING TIMEFRAME EARLY SEPTEMBER THROUGH LATE OCTOBER. GAO HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ITS OVERSEAS WORK AS FOLLOWS: GENEVA SEPTEMBER 7 - OCTOBER 23; ROME SEPTEMBER 7 - OCTOBER 8; PARIS SEPTEMBER 5 - SEPTEMBER 18. AS IT BECOMES KNOWN, ACTUAL DATES OF GAO VISITS TO NEW YORK AND TO OVERSEAS MISSIONS WILL BE SUBJECT PRIORITY SEPTELS.

3. GAO WASHINGTON AND FRANKFURT BASED AUDITORS WHO BEING ASSIGNED TO THE VARIOUS AUDIT WORK SITES, TOGETHER WITH THEIR SECURITY CLEARANCES, FOLLOW: (1) NEW YORK; EDWARD KENNEDY, WALTER OCHINKO, JOHN FILAN, CARL LEWIS. ALL HOLD TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES. (2) GENEVA: EUGENE WOHLHORN, LAWRENCE SUDA, CHRISTOPHER SWENSON, NEAL CURTIN, ALFRED LONG. LONG HOLDS SECRET CLEARANCE; ALL OTHERS HOLD TOP SECRET CLEARANCES. WOHLHORN IS AUDIT MANAGER IN CHARGE. (3) PARIS: EUGENE WOHLHORN, NEAL CURTIN, ALFRED LONG. (4) ROME: JOHN YAGLENSKI, NEAL CURTIN, WILLIAM MOFFITT, RALPH TAVARES, ALFRED LONG. YAGLENSKI HOLDS TOP SECRET CLEARANCE; MOFFITT AND TAVARES HOLD SECRET CLEARANCES.

4. GAO AWARE THAT APPOINTMENTS OR CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE MISSION, AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. WHILE GAO MAY PROPERLY DISCUSS POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND OPERATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH OFFICIALS OF UN ORGANIZATIONS, IT MAY NOT CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF UN PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES. GAO REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY MISSION OFFICER ON ALL INTERVIEWS WITH UN PERSONNEL.

5. DEPARTMENT WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH GAO ON SUBJECT REVIEW WITHIN GUIDELINES OF 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF REVIEW

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